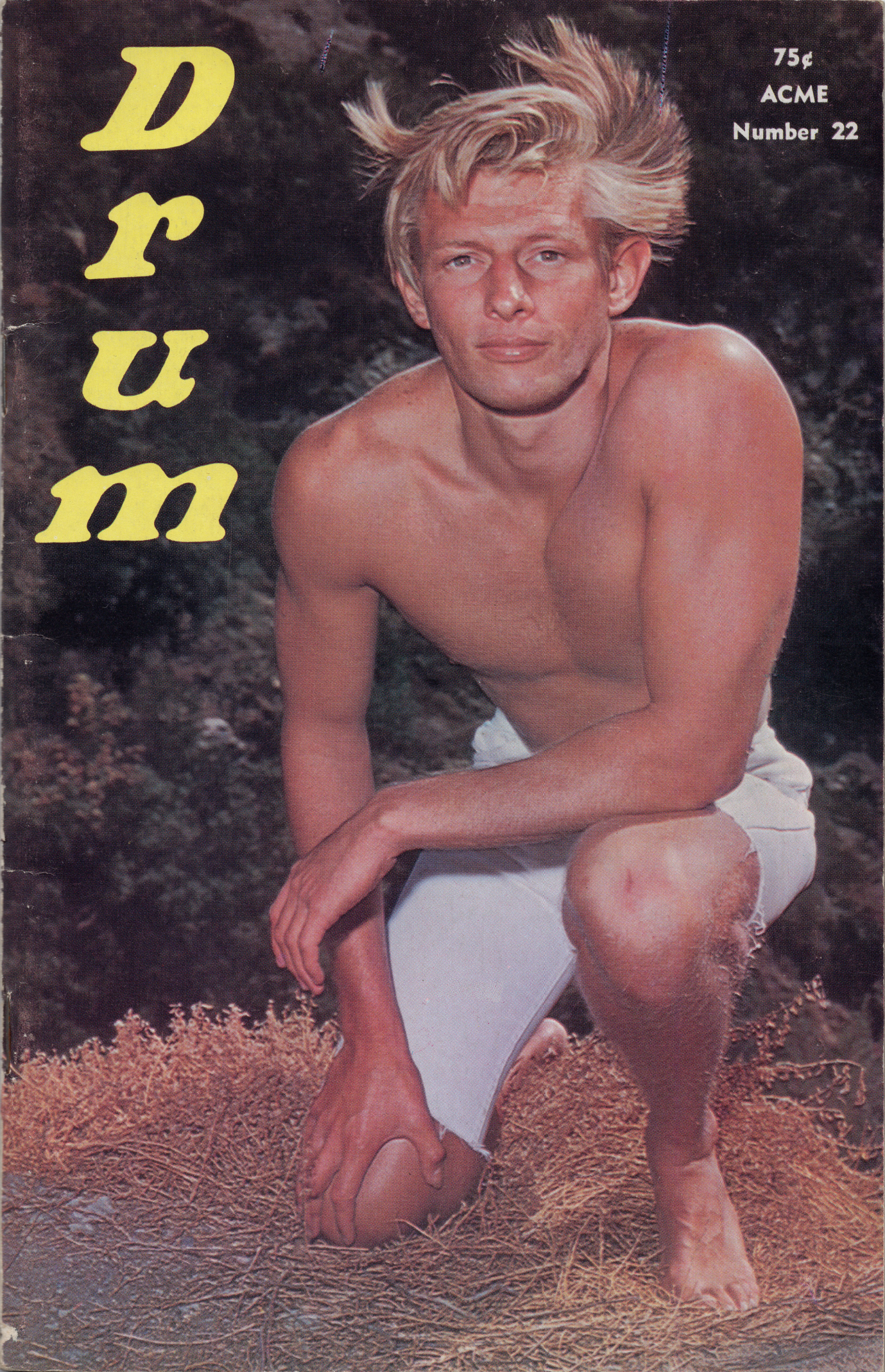
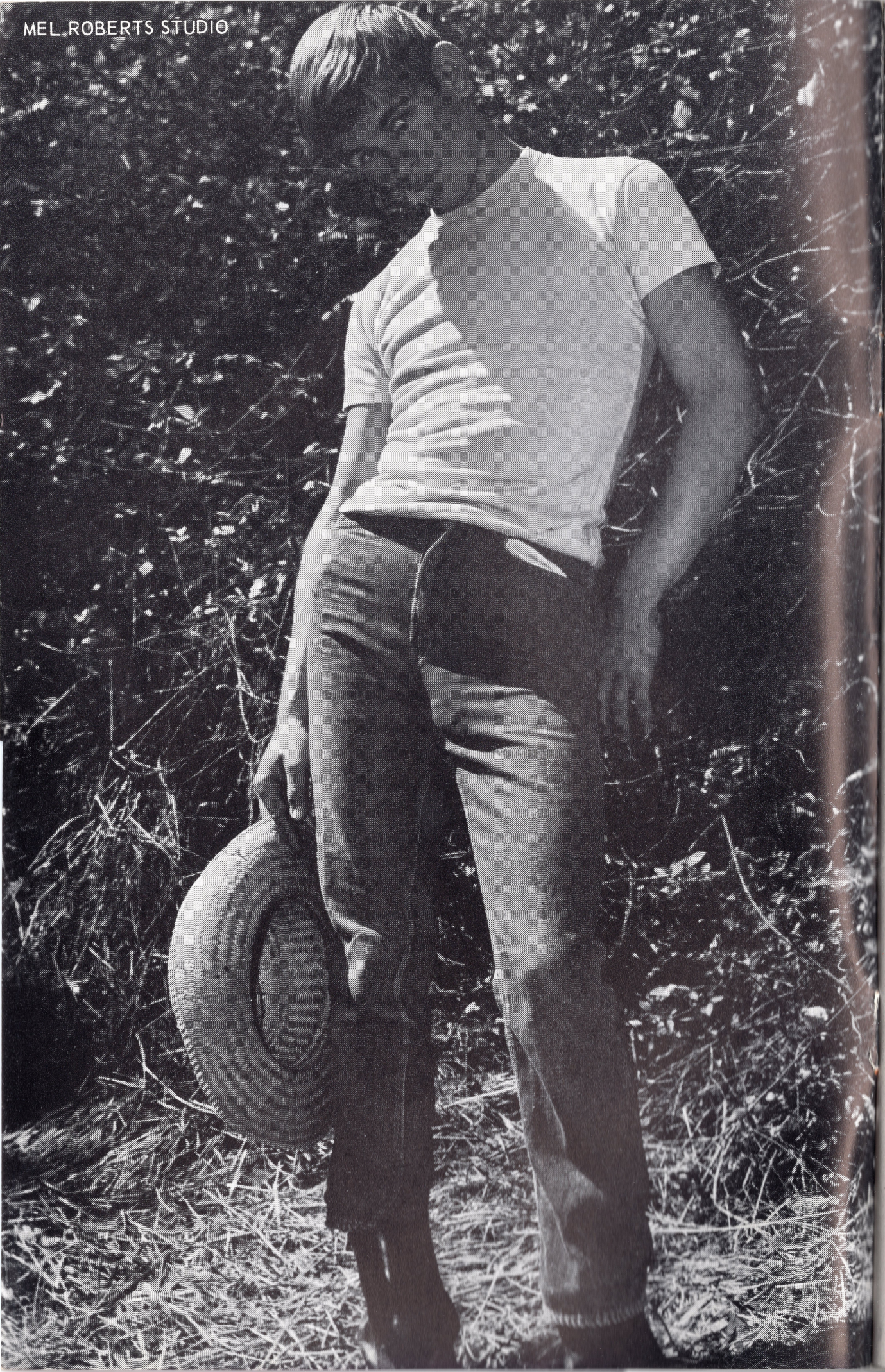

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-Henry David Thoreau

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the issue

It would not be fair to say that Drum is a profit-making venture -- or even that it was designed to be one. It is more a labor of love than anything else.

Two of the full-time staff members--editor Polak and subscription manager Collins--serve without salary. Contributors fare little better from a financial standpoint--$10. per published page. Unlike physique magazines, Drum pays a nominal fee to photographers for the use of their photographs instead of "exchanging" publication rights for advertising. All other income is used to improve the quality of the magazine or held in reserve for the needs of the Janus Society of America or the Homosexual Law Reform Society.

All of this is the way that it should be. No one is using the "profits" from Drum for their eventual retirement, but each contributor is paid something for his work. The excess income--which comes from the homosexuals of America--is reserved for projects that will eventually benefit those same homosexuals.

Long-term subscribers will have noted the long-term improvements that have been introduced into the monthly issues. Back in October, 1964 Drum was printed on "book paper" which is notoriously poor for photographic reproduction. In those days, too, Drum columns had unjustified right-hand margins. The cover design was too "busy." Slowly the magazine has taken shape and, though neither content nor viewpoint has changed from the first issue, the style and appearance of the book have assumed maturity. This is the eleventh issue with fully-justified, two column pages and the tenth with color covers.

The number of pages has also increased from the beginning 36, to October, 1965's 40 and to the present 44. With issue #20 we added a cover-paper that was heavier than the interior sheets and, with this issue, we are increasing the cover-paper's weight even further for better color reproduction.

Over the last two years, circulation has climbed steadily as Drum became better known and more professional in appearance. Of course the increase has been gratifying but our improvement-directed efforts were not prompted by the concern for popularity. We feel that homosexuals, as a matter of right, should have a consistantly responsive and responsible magazine for their information and amusement.

In some respects, Drum has a long way to go before it will be at the level of its heterosexual equivalents. The nationally prominent homosexual authors who have, to this date, refused to publish here, must find a change of heart. Young homosexual authors with promise must be encouraged to write homosexual-theme material and not convert it to heterosexual themes to publish it.

news

NEW YORK

New York City: "We were going to call it Columbia University Mattachine, but the initials killed it," quipped a student. The good humor did not cloud the objective, however: a group of Columbia students, with the cooperation of their Chaplain's office, are forming America's first homophile organization on a university campus.

Calling for the cooperation of "homosexuals, bisexuals and heterosexuals of either sex," the Mattachine Society of Columbia University has set itself the task of representing Columbia homosexual students in their effort for acceptance as homosexuals into the community.

The first university group's first step was to gather members of the University faculty and administration to a meeting to discuss the problems of homosexuals -- faculty and students--on the Columbia campus.

-*Special to* Drum.

PRISONS AND HOSPITALS

Pontiac, Mich.: Inter-racial homosexual relationships are "so feared by authorities at the Penitentiary that men have to shower and dress on a segregated basis after work assignments.

"According to former prison chaplain Luther C. Hicks, white homosexuals form a large segment of the prison population and are watched over in a fatherly manner by guards. Negro homosexuals, however, have a hard time living down myths that they are over-sexed and that their greatest ambition is to have sexual relations with a white person.

"As a result, the guards are on a constant lookout for Negroes making advances across the race barrier."

Rev. Hicks was abruptly fired from his job as prison chaplain.

-*Phila. Tribune, a Negro newspaper, Aug. 27.*

Chicago: A Catholic priest, Rev. Joseph L. Donahue, was critical of a Manteno state hospital official for allowing "a permissive atmosphere" at the institution. He was especially critical of the use inmates were making of birth control in violation of both civil and canon law.

The priest charged that homosexual and heterosexual acts were occurring with regularity on a public golf course on the hospital grounds. In answer to the charge, a hospital spokesman said that sex offenders would not be permitted on the golf course until they "were well enough."

-*Chicago Sun-Times, Sept. 27*

Tucson: One hundred persons paid $25 a plate for the dinner and the entertainment supplied by Norman E. Green, a Democrat. He told grisly tales about the "rottenness" at Arizona State Hospital that was permitted by Gov. Sam Goddard, a Republican. "Free

love, promiscuity, rape, homosexuality and lesbianism are running unchecked," Green intoned.

The dinner raised more than $3,000 for Green's candidacy.

-Tucson Daily Citizen, Sept. 1.

Baltimore: Commissioner of Correction Vernon L. Peppersack has said that "some homosexual prisoners are allowed to share cells as 'man and wife' in the Maryland Penitentiary if they don't cause trouble."

-Washington Post, Sept. 18.

BARS

Philadelphia: Police again instructed local gay bar owners to refuse entrance to persons in costume on Halloween. The edict, Janus Society lawyers say, is not based upon any specific law but is also not against any specific law.

Until four years ago, gay bar frequenters were encouraged by bar owners to dress in elaborate costumes for "bitches Christmas." Some even gave prizes for originality, humor, beauty and drag. Many homosexuals and others paraded through the center city area.

There were only two difficulties: parades, without permits, are against city ordinances and Liquor Control Board regulations forbid bar owners to give prizes for anything.

Police were tolerant of the situation until the parade began to attract hostile spectators who were more inclined to hoot and toss debris -- some brought just for the occasion--than they were to appreciate the costumers' effort and skill. In 1962, violence and tension rose to near-riot proportions.

Not without justification, the Philadelphia Police called for a cessation of the illegal and dangerous activities. The solution to all the problem appeared to be the banning of costumed bar-going. Four years later the plan has appeared to work--too well. With no hint of a parade or other illegal activity, costumes are still barred.

Efforts by JSA towards a relaxation of the now-unnecessary edict met first with a relatively warm reception. It cooled quickly.

Will police attitudes change eventually? Probably, but 1966 -- the year of a closely contested gubernatorial election was clearly not the year to press the issue.

-Special to Drum.

Elizabeth, N. J.: *Two members of Elizabeth's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board demanded closer police checks to guard against any new homosexual bars opening.*

The crackdown was urged after the ABC board was notified of the 80-day closing of Woody's Tavern for permitting male and female homosexuals on the premises.

Commenting on the length of the suspension, City Council-president Thaddeus F. Gora said: "Regretfully it's not 280 days."

-The (Elizabeth) Daily Journal, Sept. 9.

Orland, Calif.: In order to find violations in gay bars, the Alcohol Beverage Control department "has to send in young undercover agents who are fondled, caressed, propositioned and often all but compromised," explained Phillip J. Hanley, department dep-

uty director.

"I firmly believe," chairman of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors Ralph Colbert said, "that California has the finest liquor laws you'll find anywhere in this nation."

"What we need is to vote out the Democrats and give the state good Republican morality," suggested Tom McHatton, GOP candidate for Fourth District congressman.

All three men were speakers at a meeting of the Glenn County Chamber of Commerce.

-Chico Enterprise-Record, Sept. 29.

Seattle: *The Police Department was accused of making a mistake in not recommending against the issuance of a cabaret license to a man who set up an after-hours club for homosexuals. The man who received the license has operated a steam bath which has a high rate of contacts among homosexuals.*

The establishment that was issued the license allows dancing of members of the same sex together and A. L. Newbould, Seattle corporation council, doubts that such dancing is illegal in Seattle.

Newbould hastened to add that legislation prohibiting the homosexual dancing could be passed by the city council: "We could just say that members of the same sex can't dance together."

-Seattle Daily Times, Sept. 22.

GLASSBORO, N. J.

In May of 1964, Prof. Daniel J. McConnell was fired from Glassboro State College. According to his own testimony, he spent the next year applying to and being rejected by 100 colleges and universities. He eventually landed a position in Appalachia's little-known and impoverished Frostburg (Md.) State College.

What was the problem? McConnell claims that people were calling him names and, the children's jingle notwithstanding, the names did hurt.

For one thing McConnell charged that Glassboro's president fired him "with malice" for conducting an investigation/expose of a "homosexual ring" at Glassboro College. The firing, insisted McConnell, was retaliatory. The avenging professor also insisted that the Glassboro administration was sullying his reputation by improperly linking him to the very scandal he was uncovering.

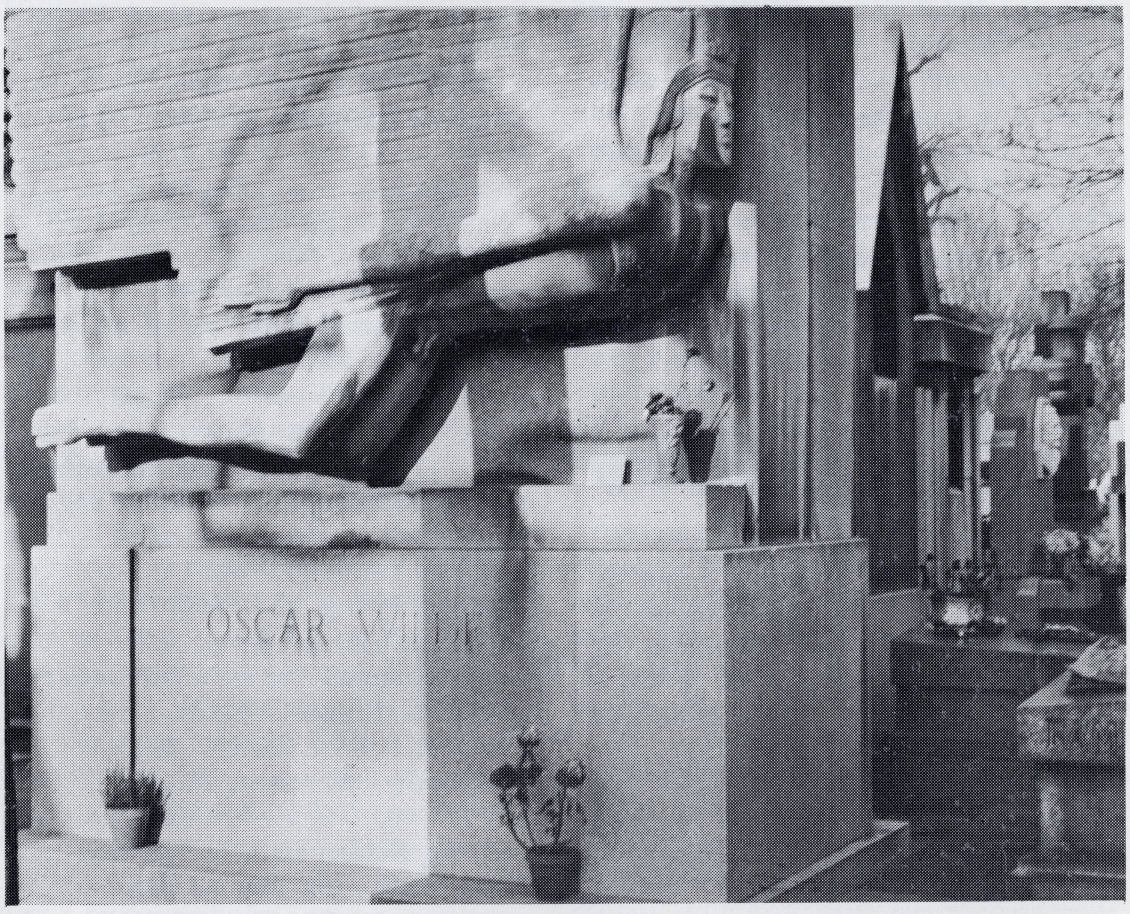
The College told another story. President Thomas E. Robinson claimed that his decision to fire McConnell came before McConnell's "investigation" and, in fact, the "investigation" was itself retaliation for being fired.

McConnell, in bringing a defamation suit against Dr. Robinson, also included two of his former associates at Glassboro, John H. Roch, head of the college's English department and Prof. James J. McKenzie, an English teacher.

Complained McConnell, McKenzie called him a "pip-squeak and a psycho" before a number of students and faculty members. Testifying on his own behalf, McKenzie said he recalled using the word "bastard", but nothing stronger. He also said he wouldn't mind doing it again.

Another professor who, testifying for the defense, described himself as McConnell's "closest friend" from 1958 until (*Continued on page 23*)

oscar wilde revisited



The Jacob Epstein Memorial in Pere La Chaise
"Outcasts always mourne"

Shortly before 2 o'clock on the afternoon of November 30, 1900 Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde -- wit, playwright critic, essayist and lover of boys--died in a shabby room of the Hotel D'Alsace in Paris.

The scene was not a pretty one. He had been delirious and hysterical most of the morning. At his bedside was Robert Ross, a nurse, a priest and the anxious proprietor of the hotel.

Three days later in the cemetery of Bagneux, on the outskirts of Paris, a small band of mourners followed the casket to the grave. A service, in accordance with the rites of the Catholic Church, was held. Father Dunn, who had given Wilde extreme unction, officiated at a requiem mass. There was no music and the Absolution was intoned in English.

Prominent among the mourners was Lord Alfred (Bosie) Douglas, looking pale and shaken. The cortege included five heavily-veiled women whose identity remains a mystery to this day. There were twenty-four wreaths of flowers, many having been sent anonymously. A bit of grim humor was introduced in the card from the hotel proprietor -- his wreath bore the inscription: "A mon locataire" ("To my lodger").

And there, for nine years, the body of Oscar Wilde rested, in a rented concession with a

laconic inscription from Job: "After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them."

Then, on July 20th, 1909, the faithful Robert Ross--who had dutifully awaited Wilde's release outside the grim walls of Reading Gaol, had witnessed his eventual death and later wrote a book insisting that the allegations against Wilde as a "sodomite" were false--had his friend's remains moved to the Pantheon for those of fame and accomplishment: Pere La Chaise cemetery in Paris.

The Grave

The cemetery is enormous and, upon entering the gate, visitors are furnished maps of the area. When informed which particular tomb is of interest, the custodian places an "X" at the site of the tomb.

Cameras are forbidden*.

A light misty rain was falling the day I visited Wilde's grave. The grayness of the day was matched by the somber stones and monuments that stretched in every direction.

As I wandered down the cobbled streets and traversed the narrow sidewalks searching for the eighty-ninth division in which Oscar Wilde would be found, my eyes fell upon such names as Balzac, Chopin, Bernhardt and, surprisingly, Heloise and Abelard!

And then, at last, there it was. The famous Sir Jacob Epstein monument with the simple inscription on its face: Oscar Wilde. There was a lump in my throat at the sight of this last resting place for the man for whom the homosexual world especially must always reserve a special niche.

The figure above the stone has been described as a "flying Aztec Prince" and such he may be. Today it has been marred by vandals who have chipped at the genitals.

My eye was caught by the fresh flowers on the small ledge beneath the figure. Had some mourner been there just that day? My attention was also drawn to a small, unattached metal plate with the word "Merci" etched upon it. What devotee of the dead poet had left this token of affection?

On the rear of the tomb is a long passage in English, outlining Wilde's scholastic life and mentioning his colleges, his medals, his school honors, but one searches in vain for a mention of his works. There is no listing here of *Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, nor of *De Profundis*.

At the base there are the words: "This tomb, the work of Jacob Epstein, was given by a lady as a memorial of her admiration of the Poet." Who was the "lady?" Could she have been one of the yet-unnamed, heavily-veiled women at the funeral? One who grieved in hopeless love?

And, then, the Bible reference to Job and, last, the heart-wrenching lines from the *Ballad of Reading Gaol*:

"And alien tears will fill
for him
Pity's long broken urn
For his mourners will be
outcast men
And outcasts always mourne."

-Winston Reynolds

The photograph accompaning this story was taken under relatively hazardous conditions and is thought to be the first one published in this country. It is a Drum *exclusive. -Ed.*

books

Destination Nowhere, Tom Lockwood, Castle Books, New York, 1966, $4.95.

This zippers-I-have-known-and-loved novel gets down to the nitty-gritty and remains uncomplicated by plot.

Nowhere is not destined for the New York *Times* best-seller list, but it is written with enough skill to slip past the censorship boards. Nary a four-letter word is to be found therein and the effect profits from the omission.

The Soft Machine, William S. Burroughs, Grove Press, New York, 1966, $5.00.

Jack Kerouac claims that Burroughs is "the greatest living satirist." He just might be and this murky, enigmatic, abstruse volume is possibly The Great American Satire. We can only wait for Kerouac to write and tell us what Burroughs is talking about.

Mr. Kerouac aside, it is doubtful that *Machine* will have relevance to all average readers and 99% of the literary "elite." While employing graphic terms, they are rarely sexual enough to produce a soft-on.

There is an occasional line of brilliance, if not of sanity: "Whole tiers shift and crash in a yellow cloud of rust, spill boys masturbating on careening toilets, iron urinals trailing in a wake of indecent exposure, old men in rocking chairs screaming anti-fluoride slogans, a Southern Senator sticks his fat frog face out of the outhouse and brays with inflexible authority: 'And Ah advocates the extreme penalty in the worst form there is for anyone convicted of trafficking in, transporting, selling or caught in using the narcotic substance known as nutmeg...I wanna say further that ahm a true friend of the Nigra and understand all his simple wants. Why, I got a good Darkie in here now wiping my ass.'"

And the rest of *Machine* makes the above quote read like mental health.

Sociological Aspects of Homosexuality, Michael Schofield Little, Brown and Co., Boston, $10.00, 1966

(Continued from Drum *#21)*

Michael Schofield has established, then, that a comparison of homosexuals to pedophiles results in about as many similarities as a comparison of apples to oranges (Drum, 21).

His second grouping for comparison is homosexuals in psychotherapy (designated, for simplicity, HP) and nonhomosexuals in psychotherapy (NP).

Both patient groups were the youngest of the six samples. "A man," observes Schofield, "is more likely to seek psychiatric aid when he is in his twenties." The patient groups were *(Continued on page 26)*

One of TV's most recent efforts to grow vegetation in the "wasteland" has been the highly popular *National This-That-And-The-Other-Thing Tests*. Such goings-on never fail to hold the attention of Bob Luther who is generally available to test his own abilities--if not his capacities--whenever the occasions arise. He got to thinking, one evening after working out with a friend from the YMCA, about some of the questions--and answers--for a

NATIONAL HOMOSEXUALITY TEST

1- Is it true that homosexuals are more creative?

2- How many adult males are homosexual? a- 10% b- 90%

3- If all the world would turn gay, wouldn't that be the end of mankind?

4- What is a coming out party? a- When a homosexual realizes he is, b- When a debutante makes her entrance into society, c- When a homosexual debutante makes her entrance into society.

5- How many orgasms *with partners* does the "average" homosexual have per week?

6- Is fidelity a common trait of homosexual relationships? a- Yes, b- No, c- Maybe.

7- Is homosexuality against the criminal law?

8- Is it true that lighting adds to the sexual experience?

9- Are homosexuals aware that they are different?

10- Are homosexuals less likely to get married than heterosexuals?

11- What causes homosexuality? a- Heredity, b- Environment, c- Genes, d-Carrots.

12- What is the most used form of homosexual sex gratification? a- Masturbation, b- Oral-genital, c- Anal-genital, d- Nightly emissions.

13- Why are there more male homosexuals than there are Lesbians?

14- Is homosexuality an illness?

15- What is a closet queen? a- A latent homosexual, b- A weirdo who digs closets?

16- What is a truck driver? a- A teamster, b- A dyke.

17- Why are some gay marriages short-lived? a- Religious demands, b- Societal demands, c- Family demands, d- Absence of children, e- In-law trouble, f- Easy divorces, g- All of the above, h- Some of the above, i- None of the above.

18- What is the difference between an active and a passive type of homosexual?

Answers Next Page.

-Bob Luther.

1- No. The arts are traditionally acceptant of all apparent non-conformity and some homosexuals gravitate to these fields irrespective of their talent--or lack of it. The rest of us, homosexuals and heterosexuals alike, are only slightly more creative than amoebas, most crustaceans and a few fish.

2- That depends whether you're in a straight or gay bar.

3- For all intents and purposes it is a moot question. Even in societies in which certain forms of homosexuality were more accepted than they are here, the apparent incidence of homosexuality was no higher than it is today. Further, many persons who identify themselves as homosexuals are fathers and mothers--and proud of it.

4- Actually, it's a party you attend with a broken zipper and 16 lecherous old men.

5- According to Dr. Kinsey--who was pretty good at counting orgasms--male homosexuals average about 1.2 orgasms per week. They make up the orgasm-gap (heterosexual males average 3.4 per week with partners) with masturbation.

6- Yes. In those that last. Families that play together, stay together.

7- No. Such laws would be clearly unconstitutional. In each state, except Illinois, certain *acts* are against the law, however. It seems that it is o.k. to be gay as long as you don't do anything about it.

8- Yes, and a partner is a help, too.

9- Certainly. Homosexuals often think of themselves *as homosexuals*, whereas heterosexuals rarely think of themselves *as heterosexuals*.

10- No. As a matter of fact, honeymoons are a most popular pastime.

11- It was once thought to be the "pernicious influence of the Italian opera," maybe someone thinks it's carrots, but today's best bet is environment.

12- a b and c in that order. Nightly emissions occur seldom in homosexuals.

13- Probably because males have a higher sexual interest.

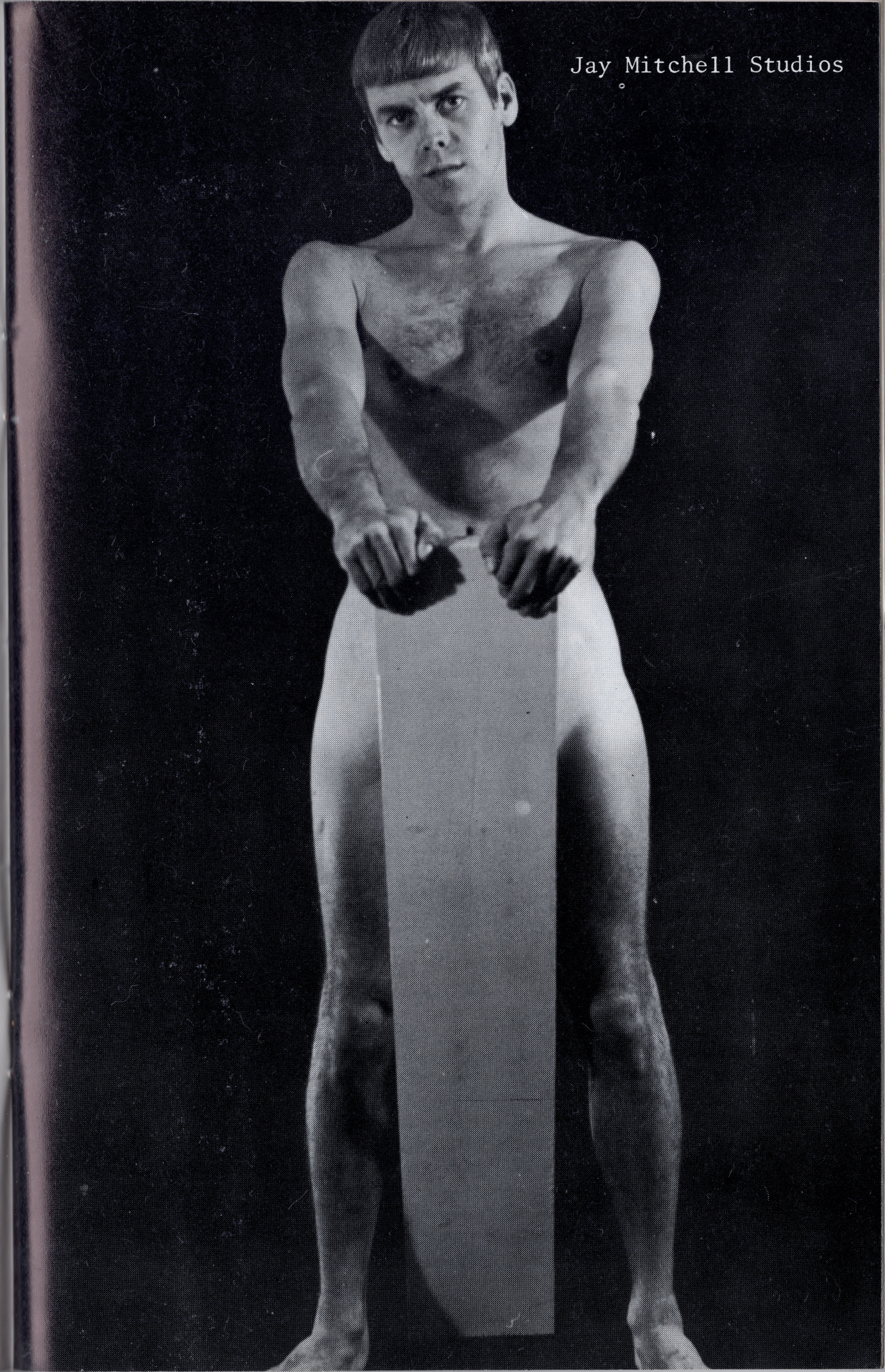
14- No.

15- Either one or both.

16- Either one or both.

17- All of the above plus the male's interest in sowing wild oats.

18- If you think the question is absurd, here is an answer published in *Sexual Behavior and the Law:* "The one taking the active or aggressive part plays the "male" role, while the other partner plays the passive "female" role." The publication date? 1866? No, 1966. Who said people are becoming more informed about homosexuality?


Jay Mitchell Studios



THE DREADFUL DISAPPEA

During the past 50 years, miser Collie Knox had found, then used up and chased off 100 "friends" with waspish demands and an abusive workload. Poverty-stricken lads were, after all, cheaper than a paid housekeeper.

So, it was only natural that Randy Ledbetter was, like his predecessors, interested in Collie's tremendous wealth. There was nothing else to recommend the ugly, stoop-shouldered, fat, old miser to lads as lithe and blond and beautiful as Randy. But Randy's mother took in other people's ironing over at Welshville, and a youth of few material prospects cannot be blamed too severely for wanting to better his lot.

Therefore, after a courtship of about three weeks -- during which time Collie spent on Randy a grand total of $5.00 in the only gay bar in Paradise -- the beguiled lad drove with Collie to a shyster lawyer and heard himself named heir to Collie's worldly fortune.

Randy remained faithful to his evil-tempered benefactor nine days. Insiders could only wonder why the boy waited so long. It must have been clear to Randy several days earlier that he had made a mistake -- that Collie could live for many years yet, that he would allow Randy to spend none of his wealth while he survived, and that each of Collie's boys was scarely more than a slave.

So when young Billy Garrison arrived one morning to deliver Collie's meager monthly order of groceries, no one in the county was surprised to learn later that Randy invited the young heartbreaker upstairs.

Upon returning from his daily inspection of the trash cans, there Collie discovered the gaysome pair. Having found a shoe with good leather still on it, he was feeling jaunty right up to the moment he arrived at Randy's bedroom and tossed the treasured shoe at the boys.

As nude as the proverbial jay bird, the meat boy raced down the creaking stairs and flew out the front door--creating a pleasant diversion for a couple of open-mouthed old ladies who were just passing.

Meanwhile, Collie beat Randy black and blue with a gnarled hickory club. He then cut down the boy's food ration, added up the pennies saved and decided Randy would last him a full year--until the time came for him to alter his will in favor of a new "heir".

A couple of weeks later, his glorious body healed again, Randy heard a knocking at the kitchen door one morning and opened it up upon a very muscular young man who asked him for a meal. The tramp was broad-shouldered, thin-hipped and had white teeth, curly black hair and sparkling jet eyes.

"My goodness", said Randy, admiringly.

The delighted tramp spent an hour in Randy's bedroom, until they heard Collie's shuffling footsteps in the hall.

"Can you jump a *long* way dear?" asked Randy with a tired smile. "If the fall does

RANCE OF COLLIE KNOX

not kill you, I'll bring you something to eat under the big oak down the road at one o' clock tonight."

That night while Collie slept Randy took some crackers and cheese from the kitchen to his new friend under the big oak tree. Randy was pleased to note by the light of the moon that the handsome tramp had not bothered to steal a new pair of trousers yet.

"I was sure you would break your neck," said Randy sitting down beside the young man.

Nick took a firm grip on Randy's waist: "I know all sorts of tumbling tricks."

"Teach *me* some," said Randy, much impressed.

Randy learned so much from Nick that night that he did not return home until dawn. Collie gave a frothing dance of fury as his handsome heir finally entered the kitchen door.

"Wait till I catch you with him," Collie screeched, "I'd make mush of Lucifer himself for less than this!"

But weeks passed and Randy and Nick waxed ever happier, while Collie became increasingly desperate. The knowledge that his 101st heir was a successful cheat drove the old man almost mad.

It was about this time that Collie found a tattered book dealing with witchcraft in a local trash can. After bringing the book into the house one afternoon, and perusing a few sulpher-scented pages, Collie guffawed evilly and shut himself up in his office. Darling Randy was greatly pleased for Collie no longer watched him carefully and he was often able to slip outside to meet Nick Black over at the only gay bar in Paradise.

Later, Randy would remember it was during this period that he saw Collie with the hooded thing that smelled, also, of sulpher.

The next morning, Randy found that his aged benefactor had undergone a remarkable change: no longer was Collie surly and red-eyed from lack of sleep. No longer did he bare his yellow fangs in frustrated wrath at the sight of Randy. No longer did spittle run down his stubble chin while he cursed the day he had ever made such a deceitful youth his heir.

If Randy had been a shrewder lad he might have speculated on the reason for Collie's astonishing change of mind. But Randy had never been known for depth of wisdom and soon he was at his bedroom window, throwing out a well-worn rope for Nick to climb.

As Nick flung a leg over the window sill, he looked to the bedroom door--and saw a weird apparition. For there in the door was Collie's gnarled club swinging in the air murderously -- with no visible means of support.

"Thought you outsmarted me, did you?" shouted Collie's voice from the direction of the club swinging in the doorway, though Collie, himself, was nowhere to be seen. The club thumped. The voice said: "I made a deal with that fool Lucifer last night and he promised I would get my due this morning!"

By this time, Randy was yelling so much that they could hardly hear Collie's dreadful voice.

"Die!" yelled the voice as the club swung toward Nick

Black with the clear intention of splattering his brains.

As Nick jumped nimbly aside with no more than an inch to spare, the club swung threateningly toward the panicked Randy.

"Die!"

Nick then landed a smashing blow with his fist against the invisible form before him. Randy heard a startled, pained grunt, and could almost feel the shock of Nick's fist crunching upon living flesh and bone. The club wobbled suddenly, then dropped with a crash to the floor.

"What *is* it?" yelled Randy again, darting backwards as his foot struck something disgustingly flabby--like one of Collie's shoulders.

"I'll take care of it," said Nick as he picked up Collie's club and pounded the invisible mass until all sound had ceased.

"My goodness," squeaked Randy, "what will we ever do with it?"

"Do with *what*?" asked Nick, rolling the invisible ball under the bed.

"Wait until Collie hears of this." said Randy.

A few days later, the happy young friends were still awaiting the return of the irritable master of the house so that his wide-eyed heir could tell him of the strange event. On the fifth day, Randy noticed an odor in his bedroom.

"My goodness," he said to Nick, "it smells like a dead rat."

"We'll use the bedroom down the hall," replied Nick.

This they did and the odor had disappeared by the time the county sheriff came to inquire about the missing Collie.

The ultimate investigation concluded with the sheriff throwing up his hands and exclaiming, somewhat ironically: "I don't know *what* happened to the old rat."

As for Nick and Randy, they continued to live in the house with much pleasure--digging up another bundle of Collie's hoarded money any time they wished.

"Do you think Collie will ever return," Randy would ask every once in a while as he cuddled closer in Nick Black's arms.

"Never," was the unvarying answer.

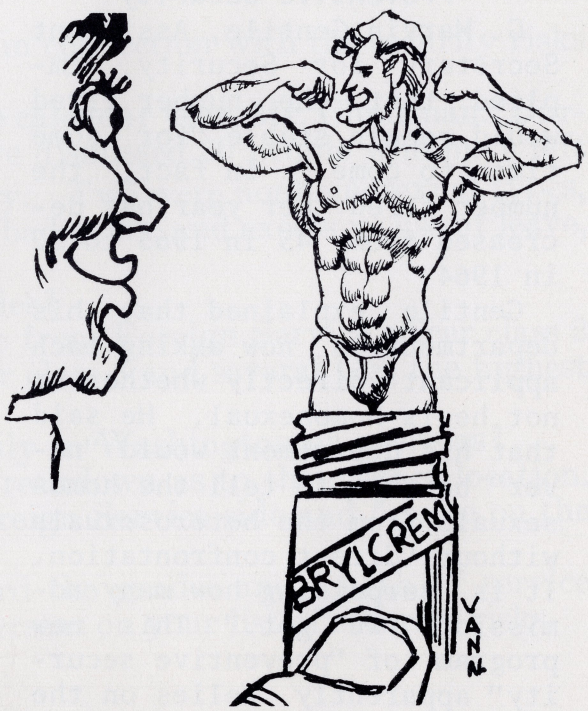
"But how can you be sure?"

"I could no easier explain that," Nick would say blandly, "than I could convince you that the devil is my sister."

"My goodness," Randy would exclaim typically, "don't tell me the devil is gay!"

And so Nick Black smiled indulgently--and never did.

-Rex York



witch hunt: 1965

On Sept. 18, 1966, a Congressional sub-committee released testimony indicating that of 30 persons who either resigned or were fired from the Department of State during Calendar 1965 as "security risks," 28 were alleged homosexuals. The other two persons fired were: "nonhomosexual types, (for) things such as excessive drinking, bad debts, and excessive use of leave."

Seventeen of the 28 fired men and women had service records of five years or more; eight had been in government employment for 10 years or more; four were satisfactory employees for between 17 and 19½ years. They had worked a total of 210 man-years, for an average of over seven years each.

Neither "nonhomosexual" had reached the five-year mark.

"Preventive Security"

G. Marvin Gentile, Assistant Secretary for Security, implied that the number fired would remain stable "for some time to come." In fact, the number fired per year has decreased from 45 in 1963 to 32 in 1964.

Gentile explained that his department is now asking each applicant directly whether or not he is homosexual. He said that his department would "never" be able to tell the homosexuals from the heterosexuals without "direct confrontation. It is surprising how many admissions we get." This new program of "preventive security" apparently relies on the naivete of individuals to Federal techniques and regulations and on the honesty of the applicants.

Unanswered Questions

Several questions were not asked by the sub-committee and remain unanswered. Some are: In light of the fact that at least some of the homosexuals performed well enough to keep their positions for many years what was the reason for firing them? Is there any documented case of a homosexual violating security where his homosexuality was a factor? Is incidental homosexual experience which researchers indicate is universal among males sufficient grounds to disqualify a man? If not, where does the department draw the line? And last, but certainly, not least: how does off-duty, private sexual activity compromise the Federal security system?

Although it is often tacitly accepted that the answers to these questions would result in a clear indictment of homosexuals as security risks and as otherwise undesirable applicants for security clearance, the facts do not support such conclusions. There is no reported instance of the security of this nation being compromised through homosexual blackmail. The charge that homosexuals are more prone to talkativeness, alcoholism, instability and unreliability is most difficult to accept, especially in light of the service records of those most recently purged.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1966.

OFFICE OF SECURITY

WITNESSES

G. MARVIN GENTILE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

SECURITY RISKS

Mr. SLACK. Give us the details in connection with the security risks during the past year.

Mr. GENTILE. This would be the calendar year, Mr. Chairman. During the past calendar year we have dismissed 30 people who have left the department under this category. Two were nonhomosexual types, things such as excessive drinking, bad debts, and excessive use of leave, and 28 for homosexual reasons.

Mr. SLACK. What are their grades?

Mr. GENTILE. The grades range from Foreign Service officer class 2 on down to Foreign Service officer class 8 and several GS, the highest being a GS–14.

Mr. SLACK. Were they primarily in Washington or overseas?

Mr. GENTILE. I don't have a breakdown as to their exact location. I can say that 23 were on the Foreign Service side and 5 were on the civil service side.

Mr. SLACK. Insert in the record the grades and length of service for the total number of people overseas on your list of security risks.

(The information follows:)

HOMOSEXUALS

Grade	Salary	Allowances	Length of service	
			Years	Months
FSO-2	$20,835		17	8
FSO-3	17,950	$2,000	19	1
FSO-4	14,175		17	0
FSO-4	12,495		12	0
FSO-4	12,495	4,469	9	4
FSO-5	10,980		9	8
FSO-5	9,945		8	5
FSO-6	9,150	3,073	0	2
FSO-6	8,295	2,400	9	8
FSO-6	8,105	2,400	14	0
FSO-8	6,650	1,200	3	0
FSR-4	15,120	6,080	3	4
FSS-5	8,500		12	10
FSS-5	8,245	2,200	8	10
FSS-5	8,245	2,749	3	8
FSS-7	6,615	2,400	7	2
FSS-8	5,860	1,200	5	4
FSS-8	5,860	1,600	6	0
FSS-9	5,860		5	11
FSS-9	5,010		0	1
FSLE-4	3,991		1	6
FSLE-4	1,650		10	0
FSLE-13	1,070		2	0
GS-14	15,150		19	4
GS-3	4,569		3	8
GS-3	4,005		0	3
Contract	2,652		2	0
Do	1,129		0	2
NONHOMOSEXUALS				
FSO-7	7,715		3	10
WB-4	5,033		4	11

NOTE.—All Foreign Service personnel listed above not showing allowances are assigned to the Department.

PREVENTIVE SECURITY

Mr. CROCKETT. We are trying very hard, more than ever, to do what we call preventive security. It is my feeling it might be easier to find them in advance than afterwards. We are having a direct confrontation before employment and after investigation by the security officers. We personally interview the applicant and it is surprising how many admissions we get to direct questions that we would never find out without the direct questioning because the evidence from referrals just has not produced it, but when we ask the questions directly they tell us and we are screening quite a number out of the applicant files. This will not have any effect on our statistics, I do not think, for sometime to come, but I think it is a worthwhile program and one which, hopefully, will get the embarrassing statistics down a little bit.

HOMOSEXUAL PROBLEM

Mr. ROONEY. It would seem to me, Mr. Crockett, under your administration you have increased the animus of the Matachine Society, the organization composed of homosexuals, to the extent they picketed the State Department Building here in Washington. Is that a fact?

Mr. CROCKETT. Yes. They wrote us two letters. They wrote one

saying we were denying Americans the right of employment, that this was unconstitutional, and they wanted a chance to come in and talk to us about this policy.

Mr. ROONEY. About this time each year I get a number of letters from these poor sick people.

PICKETING OF STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. CROCKETT. And they said if we did not talk to them they would picket us. We did not talk to them and they did picket us. It was surprising, both sexes were there.

Mr. ROONEY. How many of the 28 were males and how many were females?

Mr. GENTILE. Out of this group of 28, 26 were males and 2 were females.

Mr. ROONEY. And you said one was an FSO–2?

Mr. GENTILE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROONEY. What is the pay and allowances for services abroad for an FSO–2?

Mr. GENTILE. It begins at $18,954 and the top of the grade is $22,902.

Mr. ROONEY. Was this the only FSO–2, just one?

Mr. GENTILE. This year; yes, sir.

Mr. ROONEY. When you give the salary you are not including allowances, are you? If he was serving overseas you would add how much, $2,000 or $3,000 more?

Mr. GENTILE. That would depend on whether it was a hardship post. It could come that high, yes.

Mr. ROONEY. With regard to the FSO–2, how long was he in the Foreign Service?

Mr. GENTILE. He was in the Foreign Service a little longer than 17 years.

I might add the way this came about was through our reinvestigation program, which shows the benefit of reinvestigating people who have been in the Department for sometime.

Mr. ROONEY. When you submit that information we inquired into earlier about different grades, you will also include salary and allowances, if any, and how long they were in the Foreign Service before you came across them.

Mr. GENTILE. Yes, sir.

Mr. SLACK. Are there additional questions?

Mr. SMITH. Does this 28 include people who retired or resigned while unsubstantiated allegations were in the record?

Mr. GENTILE. A few resigned while the investigation was going on.

Mr. CROCKETT. It would have to be said these are not conclusively proven but to our satisfaction they are proven.

Mr. ROONEY. They are proven to the extent they voluntarily resigned rather than face the charges?

Mr. CROCKETT. Yes.

Mr. SMITH. As you know, some people make frivolous allegations for the purpose of hurting people's chances of advancement and so on. It would not include them?

Mr. CROCKETT. No. Nor does it include people under active investigation but against whom we have not moved yet.


Bruce of Los Angeles

news

(Continued from page 7) shortly after the 1964 firing date, said under oath that his colleague seemed to lose his "emotional stability" upon hearing the news that his contract would not be renewed.

"Pip-squeak" and "bastard" aside, McKenzie was found guilty of calling McConnell a "psycho" and fined $7,000 plus court costs. Charges against department-head Roch and President Robinson were dropped.

Is it now all over? Hardly. McKenzie intends to appeal his fine and, of course, McConnell intends to press his case against Robinson and Roch to a higher court. No pip-squeak he.

-Phila. Inquirer, Sept. 22 to Oct. 19.

CENSORSHIP

Hollywood: The Motion Picture Association of America has again revamped its "code of self-regulation" applying to production, advertising and titles of motion pictures. This revised code specifically defines itself as "designed to keep in closer harmony with the mores, the culture, the moral sense and the expectations of our society."

While encouraging "artistic expression by expanding creative freedom," the Code still guards from artistic irresponsibility and, also, insensitivity "to the standards of the larger society."

Says the Code: "Restraint and care shall be exercised in presentations dealing with sexual aberrations." Under the assumption that homosexuality is, by the Code's still-somewhat-dated terminology, a "sexual aberration," more films such as *A Taste of Honey, Darling, The Mark, Tea and Sympathy, The Children's Hour,* and *The L-Shaped Room* can be expected.

-Motion Picture Exhibitor, Sept. 28.

Lewiston, Id.: *A grocer who was charged under Lewiston's anti-pornography ordinance says he has removed all magazines, including Life and The Readers' Digest, from his store "because I am unable to distinguish between the magazines fit for sale and those that are not.*

"I have looked through all the so-called better magazines and find, in each of them, something that could be deemed offensive."

-Denver Post, Sept. 25.

Honolulu: "Of the 19 major civilizations in the history of the world, 16 have collapsed and passed out of the picture not because of the armed might of an aggressor or anything outside the civilization itself but rather because of a moral decay from within.

"Pornography has been destructive of civilization. It creates a tremendous stimulation of homosexualism. It breeds homosexualism which in turn breeds homicide, violence and sex violence of all kinds." The speaker? Charles H. Keating, Jr. self-appointed head of the National Citizens for Decent Literature.

To Keating's charged charge that he found "depraved" material in a Waikiki store, local literature-wholesaler John Wade calmly suggested two possible alternative plans for the keeping of "indecent" literature off the Islands. Wade

said he would cooperate with either, but further stated he was out of sympathy with those who would care to control the reading habits of others.

To those whom he terms "do-gooders" who work on mass hysteria to arouse furor on what they call pornographic or obscene materials, he warns: "I wouldn't attempt to censor. Think of what happened in Russia and Red China."

His plans: 1) - Form a committee representing the state libraries, the superintendent of education, churches and universities to review magazines and books sold in Hawaii.

Or, better yet: 2) - Pass a law in which the injunctive powers of the court are invoked to restrain distribution of any publication considered "objectionable." Such legislation would absolve him and his 500 dealers from responsibility for judging the "acceptability" of reading matter. It would also protect them from the unfair competition springing from sources which might capitalize on the furor arising from the publicity of the "banning" of this reading matter.

-Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Oct. 13.

BLACKMAIL

Jersey City: A federal grand jury indicted two more men in its investigation of the blackmail ring that allegedly extorted up to $2,000,000 from homosexual victims over the last five years.

Thomas J. Rochford, 26, of Edgewater was named in an indictment involving the shakedowns of unnamed victims in Durham, N. C. and the New York area. Christopher Hughes, 26, a former New Yorker, now described as a fugitive, was named Rochford's co-defendant.

Named as co-conspirators were the former Chicago Police detective, Joseph J. Pyne; Joseph F. Nardello, a Philadelphia bondsman; Sherman Kaminsky, of Baltimore and Elwood Lee Hammock of Durham. All four were indicted previously and Kaminsky and Hammock recently interrupted their trials to change their pleas to guilty.

More indictments are expected.

-The Jersey Journal, Sept. 28.

Chicago: *A hotel doorman, Daniel C. Blake, 25, was arrested for allegedly crossing state lines in 1964 to extort a $3,000 payoff from a resident of Alexandria, Va.*

-Chicago Sun-Times, Sept. 13.

Allentown, Pa.: In a case unrelated to the nationwide blackmail ring, prison sentences of six to 18 months plus fines of $25 and court costs were logged against two men, 21 and 28, who were convicted of attempting to extort money from a Bethlehem man. Nude pictures had been taken of the 28-year-old man and he and his 21-year-old "roommate" allegedly threatened the photographer that his family and the police would be informed unless he paid them money.

Blackmail charges arising from the same incident were dropped.

-The Morning Call, Oct. 8.

WASHINGTON

The American Civil Liberties Union has renewed its three-year-old campaign in District court to compel the Civil Service Commission to rule that

an alleged homosexual is eligible for federal employment.

The CSC's current position (Drum April) is that homosexuals are categorically unfit for federal service because they are homosexuals, irrespective of their individual qualifications.

Bruce C. Scott, 54, of Springfield, Va. was originally barred from civil service employment by charges of "immoral" or "homosexual" activities which were not further specified.

In 1965, the courts ruled that such blanket charges, with no specific allegations to support them, were insufficient to bar Scott (Drum, Sept.).

In typical fashion, the Commission has dug up a report from one of Scott's former supervisors that describes the broad-shouldered six-footer as "effeminate". Possibly hoping to disqualify him through guilt-by-association, the government is also "specifying" that homosexual activity occured in Scott's home though Scott was not a party to it.

ACLU attorney David Carliner will argue that the CSC must be more specific to meet the terms of the Court ruling.

-The Washington Post, Oct. 7

Deputy Undersecretary of State William Crockett has disclosed that male applicants for jobs in the State Department are being asked: "Have you ever engaged in a homosexual act?"

"We personally interview the applicant," Crockett said, "and it is surprising how many admissions we get to direct questions that we would never find out without direct questioning."

(For more on the State Department: Witch Hunt, 1965).

-Washington Post, Oct. 7.

HOLLYWOOD

Boris Karloff, at 78, still delights in acting -- in drag. The horror-film star appeared on the Sept. 27 episode of *The Girl From U.N.C.L.E.* as Mother Muffin. Most surprising was



BORIS KARLOFF AS MOTHER MUFFIN
New girl from U.N.C.L.E.?

that the drag was never exposed as such nor dealt with as comedy. Those who never heard of Karloff could have thought that "Boris" was a girl's name.

-TV Guide, Sept. 17.

Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Forster will be nude in the now-being-filmed version of Carson McCullers' Reflections in a Golden Eye. Marlon Brando portrays Liz's husband and he hanker's after Army stable boys--before he shoots them.

-New York Times, Oct. 17.

books

(Continued from page 10) better educated than the prison groups, though not as well educated as those who were neither patients nor prisoners.

Typical of Schofield's one-line, simple-but-not- obvious observations is that the HP group showed a marked tendency to live with their families--much more so than the two other homosexual groups. Why? "It is possible that most homosexuals do not leave home towns and migrate to urban communities until they have come to terms with their condition," the sociologist says.

Possessive Mothers

Dealing a needed blow to the birth-order myth, the HP and NP groups revealed none of the differences "that might be expected" between a homosexual and non-homosexual group. Ten in each group were only children; 14 HP men and 18 NP men were youngest children, etc. Of significance, however, is that 32% of the HP group and almost as many of the NP group came from broken homes. As will be seen, this is a much higher incidence than is to be found within the groups that were not involved in therapy. It establishes, again, that broken homes tend to produce neuroses in individuals, irrespective of their sexual orientations.

In addition to the nine in the HP group who were raised in homes without fathers, 25 more said they did not get along well with their fathers. Six of the NP group were raised in fatherless homes and 18 reported unsatisfactory relationships with their fathers. This incidence of poor father-to-son relationships was higher in the patient groups than it was in the other four groups.

Twenty-three HP men stated that their mothers had been possessive or over-protective when they were children. This figure is near the average for the three homosexual groups but significantly higher than the average of the two nonhomosexual control groups.

Early Seduction

Throughout this volume, Dr. Schofield questioned the homosexuals about their childhood sex partners. Time and time again it was reported that, in the cases where childhood sex partners were known, only 4% were thought to be homosexual today. This figure is identical to that of Kinsey's estimate that 4% of all males are homosexual. It can be conjectured that no significant number of males become homosexual because of early homosexual sex-play--popular fears notwithstanding. As Dr. Schofield writes: "This provides striking confirmation of the theory that early homosexual activities are not necessarily followed by homosexual activities when the boy becomes an adult."

How Sick Is Sick?

Homosexuals, Schofield reports, seem to enter therapy for one of two reasons. The first, obviously, is from some dissatisfaction with the homosexuality. The second and, surprisingly, almost 50% of the homosexuals in treatment fall into this group--enter treatment for reasons other than homosexuality. He further found that all of the NP were more like the second type

of HP then the first.

It was also found that, if it is possible to make a secure judgment in this area, the HP group was not as disturbed as the NP group. Such an observation would tend to support the view that the homosexuals who entered therapy were responding to a combination of social hostility toward their homosexuality and personal ambivalence. As if by confirmation of this theory, almost all of the men who classed themselves as homosexual, but who had more than incidental heterosexual experience (4's on the Kinsey scale), entered therapy specifically because of their "homosexual problems." If the social hostility were removed and the ambivalences resolved, it is quite possible that these men studied would have no further need for therapy. They could, according to their individual preferences, maintain both kinds of sexual activity or eliminate one.

Within the NP group, a full 46% had arrest records as opposed to only 14% of the HP group. It could be that homosexuals are more willing to enter therapy because of the folklore classing them as "sick," while the NP had histories of anti-social behavior which would, it seems, indicate other problems.

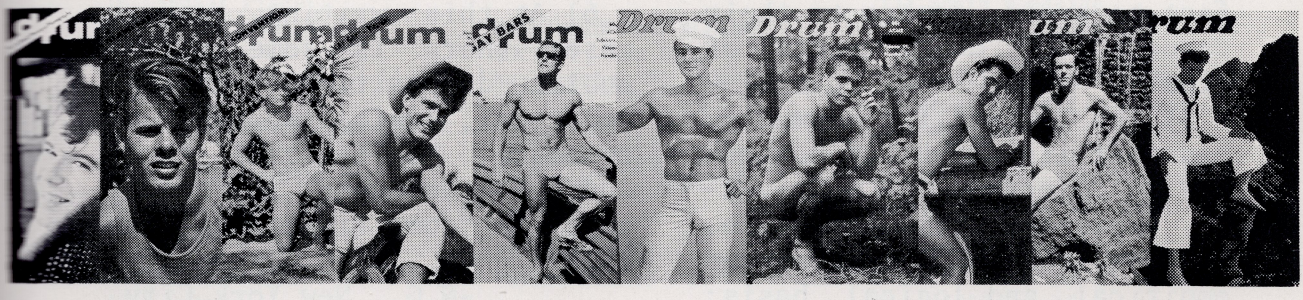
The very least that can be said for Dr. Schofield's findings in this area is that they do not add support to the view that homosexuality is *per se* an illness.

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different drummer

Undoubtably, "Homosexuality and the Flying Saucers" will strike most readers as an absurd coupling. But, on furthur consideration, it will be found that there's nothing closer to the homosexual problem in terms of the incredibility, dishonesty and misrepresentation, the perversion of scientific integrity and the general smear approach.

1) Homosexuals are popularly viewed as either effeminate swishes or sex-crazed degenerates. Those who have witnessed the UFO phenomena, or credit them, are viewed as hysterical victims of a hallucination or hoaxers. (Let it be admitted that in both cases the smear is applicable to at least a small minority.)

2) An overwhelming proportion of the thoroughly normal and stable types who, on the one hand, are homosexual and, on the other, have witnessed UFO phenomenon or credit them as of extraterrestrial origin, do their best to conceal the fact to avoid damage to their careers and daily peace of mind.

3) The scientific community has lent its weight of consensus to rejecting the most valid explanations in each case. One explanation stands on an empirical and logical basis: homosexuals are born with innate sexual attraction towards the same sex, *and*, UFO's are investigations of this planet by intelligent beings from another world. Instead, scientists are strongly disposed to absurd dogma that fail to stand up on a logical base: the "making" of a homosexual of a previously "normal" person by parental action (take your self-contradictory choice between aggressive and clinging mother, or violent and weak fathers), *and* UFOs which are called Venus, weather balloons, inversion reflections, secret weapons and mass hallucinations. Remarkably, in each case the "accepted" explanation is intrinsically more far-fetched than the rejected one.

4) Members of the scientific and Armed Forces community treat both subjects as potatoes so hot as to be handled just as little as possible.

5) In recent years, both homosexuality and UFOs have had their outstanding figure in the rejection of all true, scientific evidence and in the persistence on his own absurd dogmas. In homosexuality, of course, the man was Bergler; with UFOs the man is Menzel.

6) At this writing, in both cases there is some slight public disposition to accept empirical, logical and factual evidence, but it still takes unusual boldness in either case to "come right out with it."

-N.G., New York City

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homophile movement

The groups listed below represent what is collectively known as the homophile movement. The purposes of each group and the methods they employ to reach their goals often differ widely, but the paramount objective of all the groups is to improve the social and legal status of homosexuals and others of deviating sexual orientations.

Interested adults wishing information about the specific goals, services offered, and membership requirements should contact the groups directly.

Each state should have at least one homophile organization to help coordinate legal reform and to promote human understanding of homosexuality and homosexuals. The Homosexual Law Reform Society is prepared to provide details on the qualifications necessary to begin a homophile organization to all wishing them.

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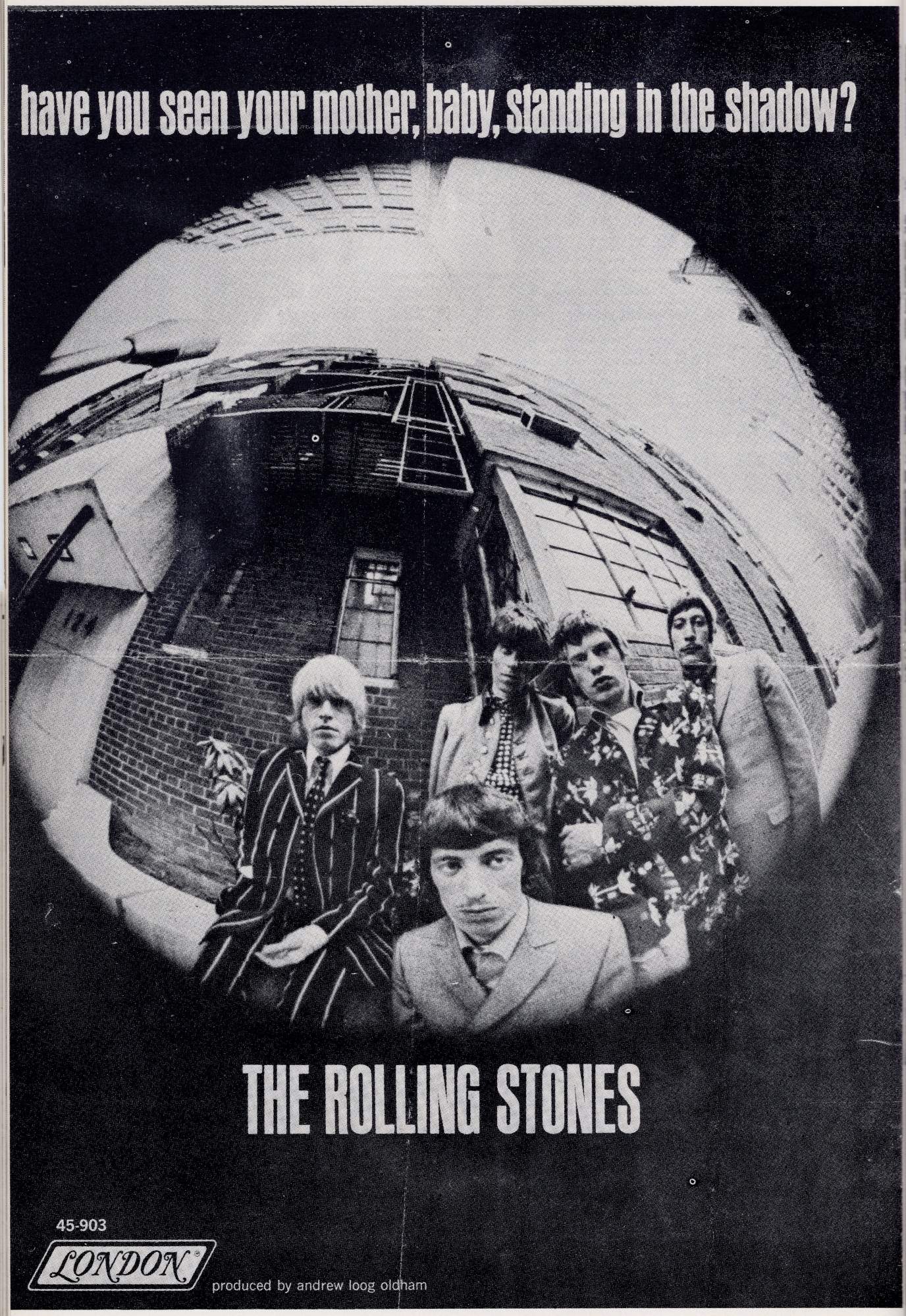
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P. H., Miami

Happily. By its very nature, life has its ups and downs, but there don't seem to be any more of either for homosexuals or heterosexuals. The disadvantages of homosexuality are part of the popular folklore, but the advantages are seldom talked about--they are just lived and enjoyed.

These advantages are more tangible than just recognizing that a major advantage to being homosexual--for homosexuals --is that it is, for them, the most satisfactory of sexual orientations. It goes further.

There is, for one thing, economic freedom far in excess of that enjoyed by heterosexuals of comparable income levels. The gay male who earns $5,000 can afford a $15,000 home. The same income can barely stretch to support a wife and children, all of whom would be probably overcrowded in a mediocre apartment.

Two single males, or females, can often share an apartment enjoying luxury neither one could afford alone. The principle is old: two can live cheaper together than they can separately.

And there is, too, the almost prohibitive alimony and support payments required of some of the husbands in the 25% of heterosexual marriages that end in divorce.

There is also freedom of mobility. If you want to move from one city to another, from one job to another, from one home to another you have fewer problems doing it alone. No one need be consulted except yourself. No one else has to be pleased.

The third freedom is sexual. Heterosexual wives and homosexual lovers certainly offer the advantage of always being there when the urge strikes, but they also inhibit the very natural male urge for sexual variety. The ideal of course is to have a lover who is willing to permit you the same range of extra tricks he allows himself.

The fourth freedom is affectional or personal. The heterosexual marriage is weighted *for* the female and *against* the male. It is often the case that heterosexual males feel and are, in fact, trapped in a marriage from which much of warmth and affection have long withered. The homosexual is spared these particular oppressions.

Is homosexuality, therefore, better than heterosexuality? Of course not. But to regard homosexuality as without advantages is as inaccurate as considering heterosexuality as the only satisfactory sexual orientation. Each has some rather specific advantages and disadvantages and each, in its own way, suits the needs of those enjoying its pleasures.

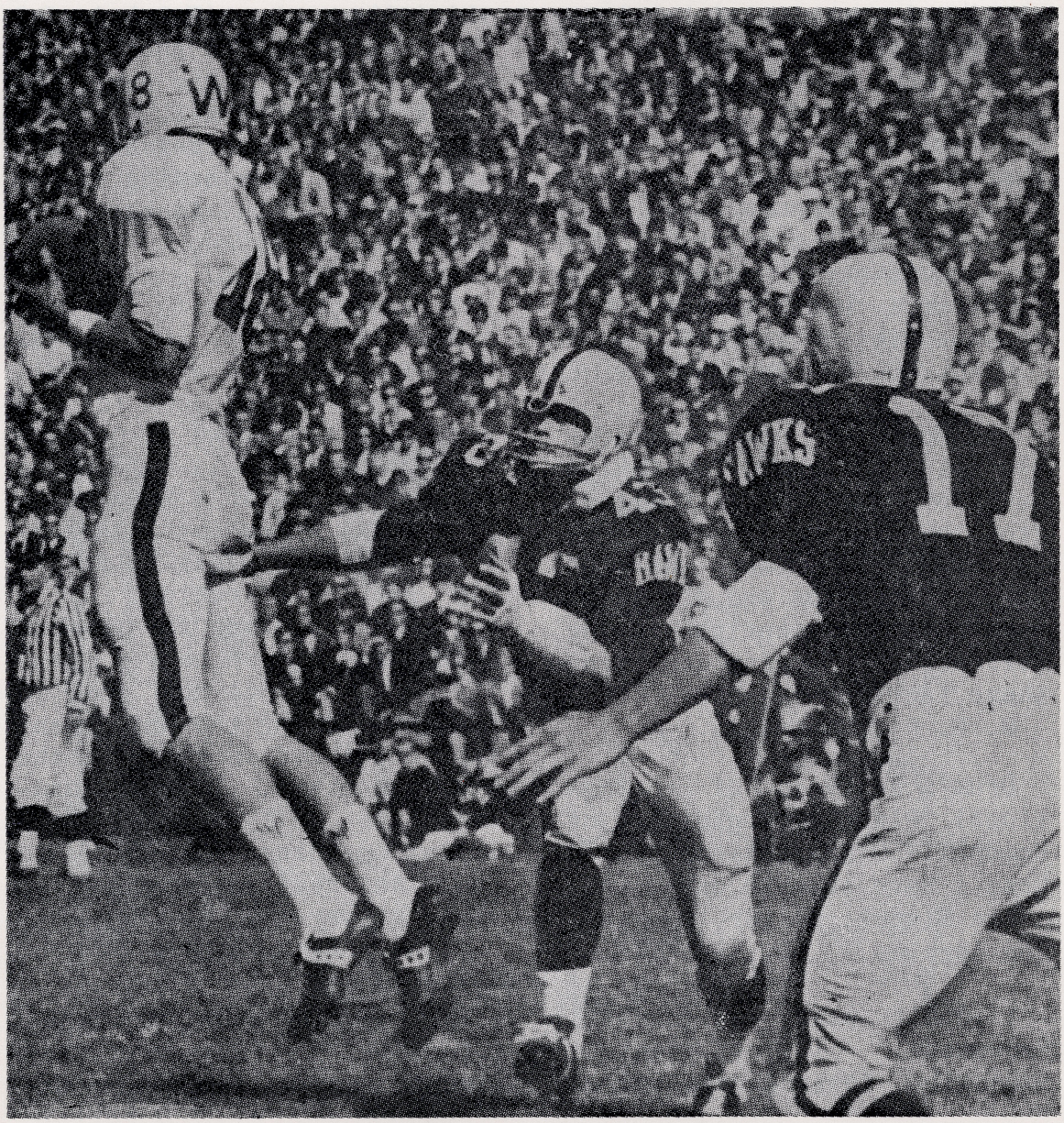
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gay moments in news coverage

-Milwaukee Journal, Oct 2, 1966.



dear drum

Drum is reinforcing the notions so detrimental to our chances of improving the image we hold of ourselves as homosexuals. *The Loved One* (Drum, 21) was about a neurotic narcissist and *The Van Scoons* was about an old cheat who seduces a young man against his will. Why, I ask, unless Drum thinks that homosexuals are neurotic and immoral, should these stories in particular be chosen for entertainment?

M. V. R., Washington, D.C.

I was quite sorry to find that my old friend Harry Chess will no longer be with us. Actually had it not been for this comic-strip character, I doubt if I would have renewed my subscription to Drum.

J. D. H., Los Angeles.

The accounts of the various meetings of the homophile movement with their intergroup bickering bring tears to my eyes. The tears are of both frustration and mirth. I hope that Drum continues being forceful in trying to bring these factions together.

G. R. P., Montreal.

Drum's analysis of the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations is the best I have seen to date.

Don Slater, Editor, *Tangents* Los Angeles.

I don't want to join a "movement." I just want to subscribe to a groovy magazine. That's why I think you should spend more time making Drum bigger and better and much less on legal matters.

J. W., Seattle.

Your own comments about the National Planning Conference were enlightening. Of course you must know that *One, Inc.* struck back! The devious, old grey-lady of Venice Blvd. had this to say about Polak in *One Confidential:* "How should comment be made on the paper by Clark Polak? He was the most arrogant and insufferable boor and is far from having earned leadership status in the homophile movement."

-L. H., Detroit.

No truer words were ever written than Ask Drum in #21. When you cruise, look for the guy whom the crowd is passing by--the guy who is homely and lonely. He doesn't expect to be put on a pedestal and adored. All he wants is a little genuine affection. If a fellow is looking for someone with whom he can have a mutual union, he is not apt to find one among the musclemen, the dollfaced boys, or the beach adonises. They are usually too self-centered, too intent on being worshipped, to give any real satisfaction to their starry-eyed partner.

A. R., New York City

Reading Ask Drum in issue #21 made me feel great. It almost made me feel like mak-

ing my sexual desires known to a few people who might be rather shocked. Of course, I quickly realized that I'm not ready for that yet. Tomorrow, however, I'll look over the boys a little more, just to see what kinds of reactions I get.

-R. B., Oswego, N. Y.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the Winston Reynolds travel series, I have been encouraged to note some of my impressions of an area he has not covered: Tangiers.

Just a ferry-ride from the South of Spain, Tangiers offers two big commodities--narcotics and boys. Both are plentiful and cheap. You'll find an odd assortment of people that these two attractions draw. Beatnicks during the winter months (for dope), and English "Johns" during the summer (for boys). The locals call the place a perpetual zoo scene.

Moroccans in Tangiers are beautiful in their varying shades from brown to white. In Tangiers they consider homosexuality a stage that all men go through during their teens. As long as no one is hurt, they consider it childish but harmless.

Commercial sex is quite open Boys from 17 to 19 parade about the Socco Chico (little square) in front of the outdoor cafes, peddling their wares somewhat gloriously. The game is a smooth one for them. When it's all over, they pretend they heard you say a higher price. This can be somewhat embarassing. It pays to be cautious and not trust anyone you don't know.

Non-commercial is also freely available, but it is not so obvious. Look in the "dancing boy" bar cafes. The young men here smoke "keef" from a long pipe. They use these as peace pipes and will offer you a drag to show their friendliness. It doesn't mean anything at first--but who knows?



"So that's why they call you the Boy Wonder!"

It is against Arabic religious laws to drink alcohol and you won't find "good" Moroccans in the local bars. They will be found in the dancing boy bars which are, by the way, cafes in which a boy 15 years of age or thereabouts does a native dance in drag--yes, drag, and native drag at that!

V. S., New York City

Despite what J. D. claims (Drum, 21), he most certainly does write as a Puritan. There is nothing smutty about the nude figure. May I remind J. D. that obsenity, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

G. W., New York City

Three gorgeous sailor pictures in Drum #21! I can't believe it! More, more.

B. M., New York City

I don't know, but I'm 56, never had sex with a woman, and never even wanted to, but your "gay test" (Drum, 21) has me a heterosexual! Something wrong someplace.

J. G., New York

At least one of your subscribers is a heterosexual male and that's me. I took that test of yours and came out gay. What gives?

H. T., Buffalo

It has been about 75% accurate for me and my friends.

L. J., Waco, Texas

It is unlikely that such a "test" could have much value as anything other than a conversation piece. -Ed.

I know that you rarely give information on any of your models, but how about a few words on Jay Mitchell, Drum 20 cover-boy?

H. R., Los Angeles

Jay just recently turned 21 and a physique photographer. He was born and raised in the mountainous, central Pennsylvania region and now lives as Drum *editor Polak's roommate. See, nepotism is its own reward. -Ed.*

LATE NEWS FLASH

For the first time since 1964 on November 7th, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear a case involving homosexuality. Homophile leaders indicate that, regardless of the Court's decision, the case will have ramifications affecting a significant percentage of America's homosexuals.

Although the specific issue is quite narrow — whether or not Congress intended to bar homosexuals from immigrating to the U. S. when it legislated that "psychopathic" individuals were unacceptable — in Boutilier v. the Immigration and Naturalization Service (DRUM, 20) the Court might make a pronouncement that will weaken — or strengthen — the Federal government's stand that homosexuals are unacceptable as Federal employees in positions from the most menial to that of Presidental Assistant.

The Homosexual Law Reform Society has agreed to submit an AMICUS brief on the question of homosexual non-pathology and to support the case financially.

Boutilier was fired from his job as maintenance man shortly after the Court's acceptance was publicized by the press. Contributions for Boutilier's subsistance or legal fees may be sent to either the Homosexual Law Reform Society (checks made payable to Janus) or to his lawyer, Blanch Freedman, 299 Broadway, New York, N. Y.



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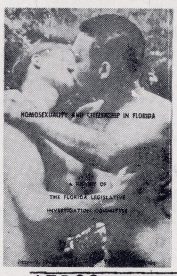
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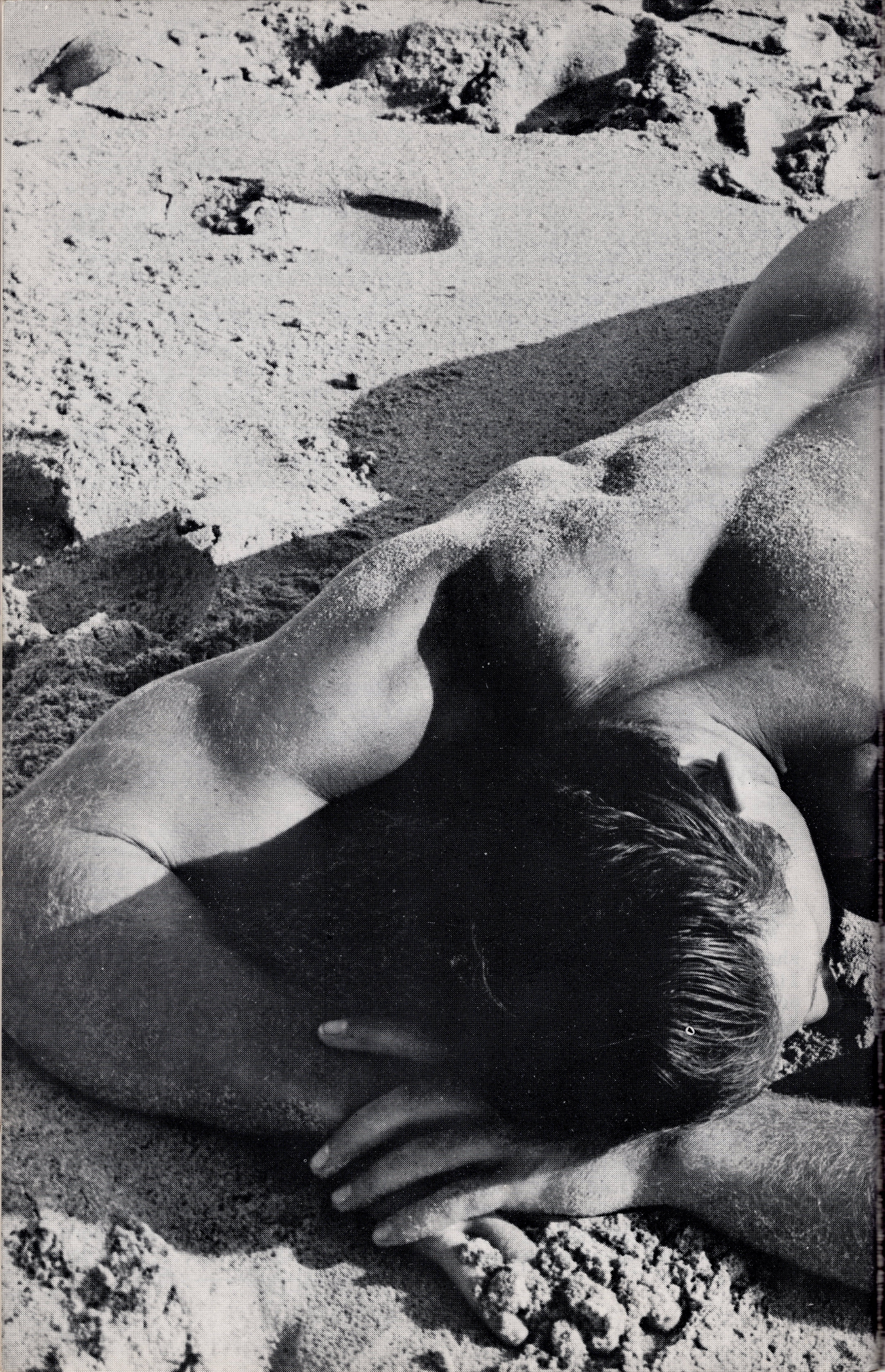
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